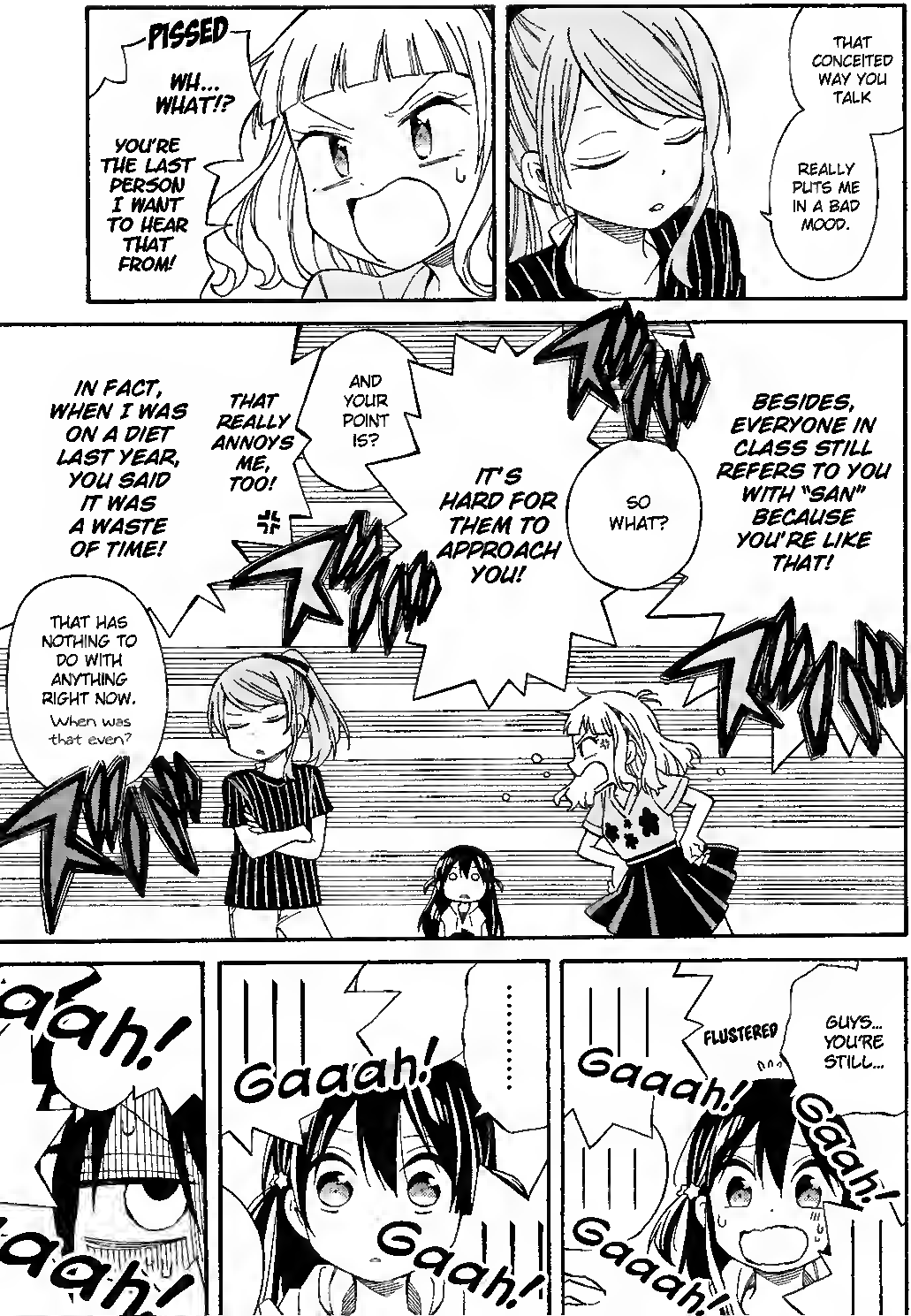
Hachimitsu Scans
~sweeter than honey~
hachimitsu-scans.blogspot.com

FINAL CHAPTER★SECRET

WASHIO !!
DING DONG
Haa!
Haa!
Haa!
...WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE...
AT THIS TIME OF NIGHT...?
COME WITH US! WE HAVE TO TALK!
HUH...?
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN, NADESHIKO?
AH...

...I'M GONNA GO OUT
FOR A LITTLE BIT...
3
GLANCE
I KNOW...
.....!
...KOTO-OKA.
DID YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT...?
...SO WHAT

.....!
...IF YOU INSIST,
THEN I GUESS I COULD MAKE UP WITH YOU.
IT'S NOT LIKE I EVEN REALLY WANT TO, THOUGH.
KO-
YOU CAME ALL THE WAY TO SEE ME JUST TO SAY THAT?
YOU SURE HAVE A LOT OF FREE TIME.


PISSED
WH... WHAT!?
YOU'RE THE LAST PERSON I WANT TO HEAR THAT FROM!
THAT CONCEITED WAY YOU TALK
REALLY PUTS ME IN A BAD MOOD.
IN FACT, WHEN I WAS ON A DIET LAST YEAR, YOU SAID IT WAS A WASTE OF TIME!
THAT REALLY ANNOYS ME, TOO!
AND YOUR POINT IS?
IT'S HARD FOR THEM TO APPROACH YOU!
SO WHAT?
BESIDES, EVERYONE IN CLASS STILL REFERS TO YOU WITH "SAN" BECAUSE YOU'RE LIKE THAT!
THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ANYTHING RIGHT NOW.
When was that even?
aah!
aah!
Gaaah!
Gaah!
.....
FLUSTERED
GUYS... YOU'RE STILL...
Gaaah!
Gaah!
Gaaah!

AL-
READY
!!!!
JUST
CUT IT
OUT
A PAIN
IN THE
ASS!!!!
GEEZ!
YOU
GUYS
ARE
SUCH

KOTOOKA! WHY DID YOU START OFF BY SAYING THAT!?
WELL, NADESHIKO WAS GLARING AT ME, SO I COULDN'T HELP IT...
ドミ
DON'T SHIFT THE BLAME!!
AND WASHIO!! YOU, TOO!!
IT'S NOT LIKE I WAS GLARING AT HER...
ドミ
YOU'RE SELF-ISH, TOO!!!
.....!
YOU DIDN'T SAY ANY-THING,
AND EVEN AT SCHOOL, YOU WENT OFF BY YOURSELF SOME-WHERE...!
IT FELT LIKE YOU JUST WANTED TO BE LEFT ALONE...
WHAT WAS I SUPP-OSED TO DO!?

TRY THINKING ABOUT ME, TOO...!!!
TSUKASA...
.....

KOTOOKA,
.....
...I
WAS
REALLY
SHOCKED
THAT YOU
DISLIKED
WHO I AM.
BUT...
I GUESS
YOU REALLY
HAD A
PROBLEM
WITH ME.
...I'M
SORRY.

WASHIO...

...BUT I CAN'T BE LIKE THAT,
AND I DON'T PLAN ON TRYING TO, EITHER.

.....!
THAT YOU WOULD HAVE LIKED ME TO BE THE FRIEND YOU WANTED ME TO BE.

...I GUESS

I'M ME, AFTER ALL.

I HAVE MY OWN WAY OF THINKING,
AND I HAVE MY OWN IDEA OF WHO I WANT TO BE.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO LIKE EVERYTHING ABOUT ME,
AND I DON'T MIND IF THERE ARE SOME THINGS ABOUT ME YOU CAN'T ACCEPT.
CLENCH...
BUT... THERE'S ONE THING I WANT YOU TO TAKE TO HEART.
THIS IS WHO I AM!
SO DON'T JUST DISMISS THAT BY SAYING I'M ANNOYING...!

WANT... TO MAKE UP WITH YOU,
BUT I DON'T KNOW
IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT...
I...
Glance
...NO,
I ALSO
.....!
WHY
ARE YOU PUTTING IT THAT WAY...?

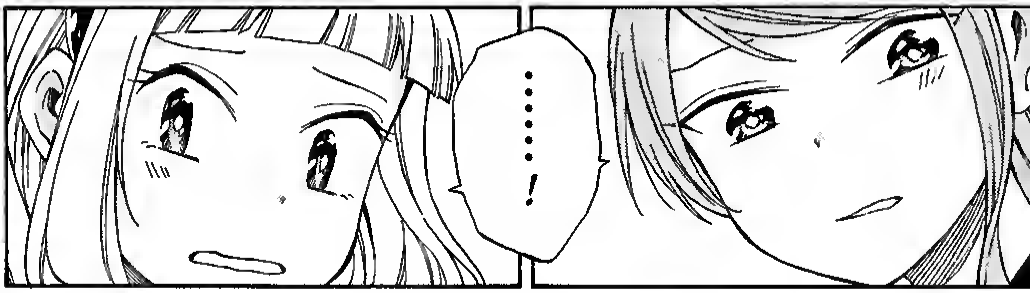
I CAME TO SEE YOU
SO I COULD APOLOGIZE, OF COURSE...!!
YOU REALLY DON'T UNDERSTAND ANYTHING...!!
I WANT...
US TO BE TOGETHER JUST LIKE YOU...!!!

AND I FEEL BAD ABOUT THAT...
.....
...I SAID SOME PRETTY HARSH THINGS, TOO...
AND... I DON'T... REALLY MIND...
...BUT THAT'S JUST FINE...
...SO... YOU'RE OKAY, TOO...
TSUKASA EVEN TOLD ME THAT I HAVE A BAD PERSONALITY.
Even though she's insensitive.
Ugh!
IT'S NATURAL FOR FRIENDS TO HAVE ONE OR TWO THINGS THEY DON'T LIKE ABOUT EACH OTHER!!
HUH...?

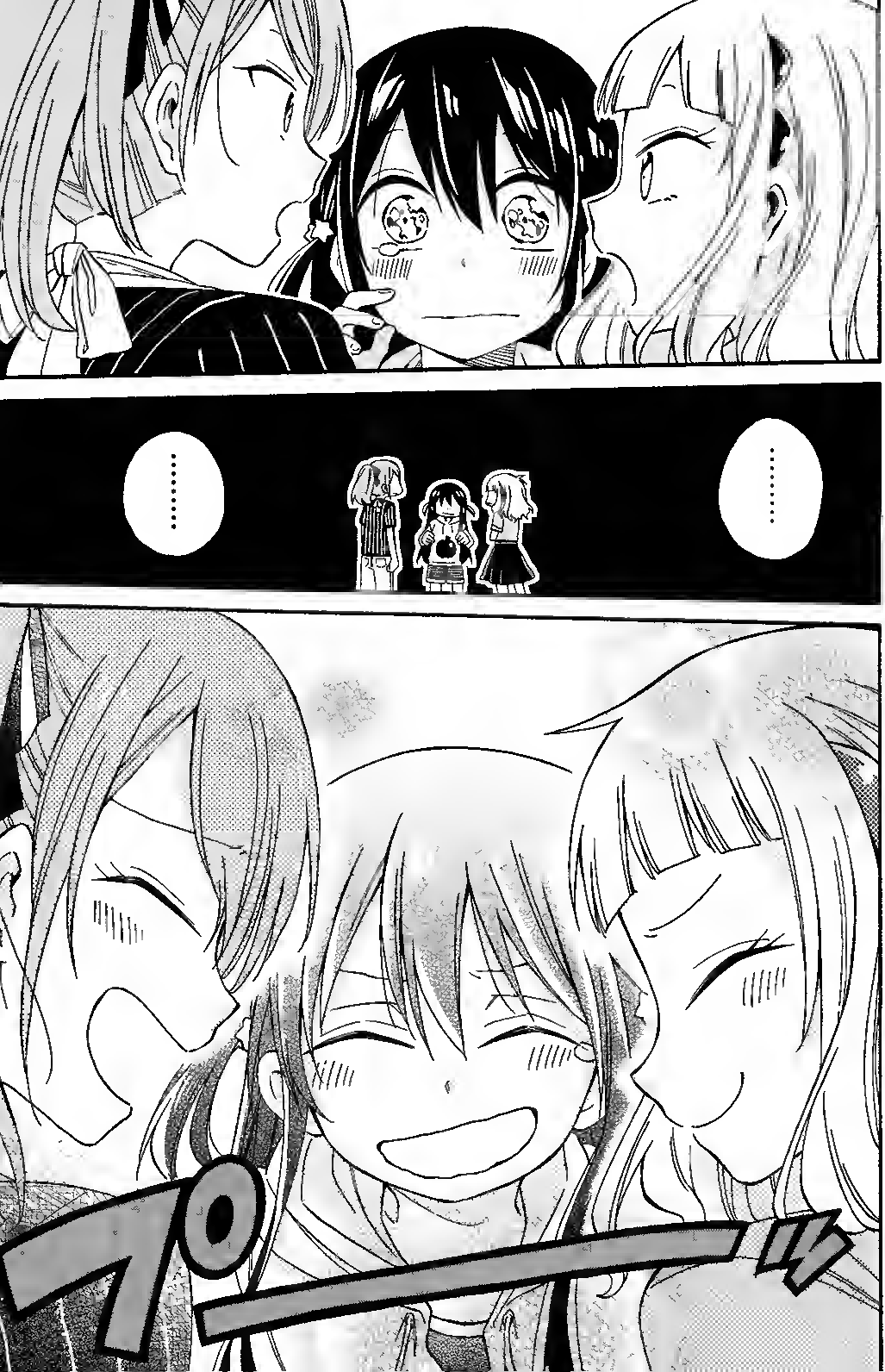
YOU'RE FINE...
JUST THE WAY YOU ARE, NADESHIKO.
I'M... SORRY, TOO.

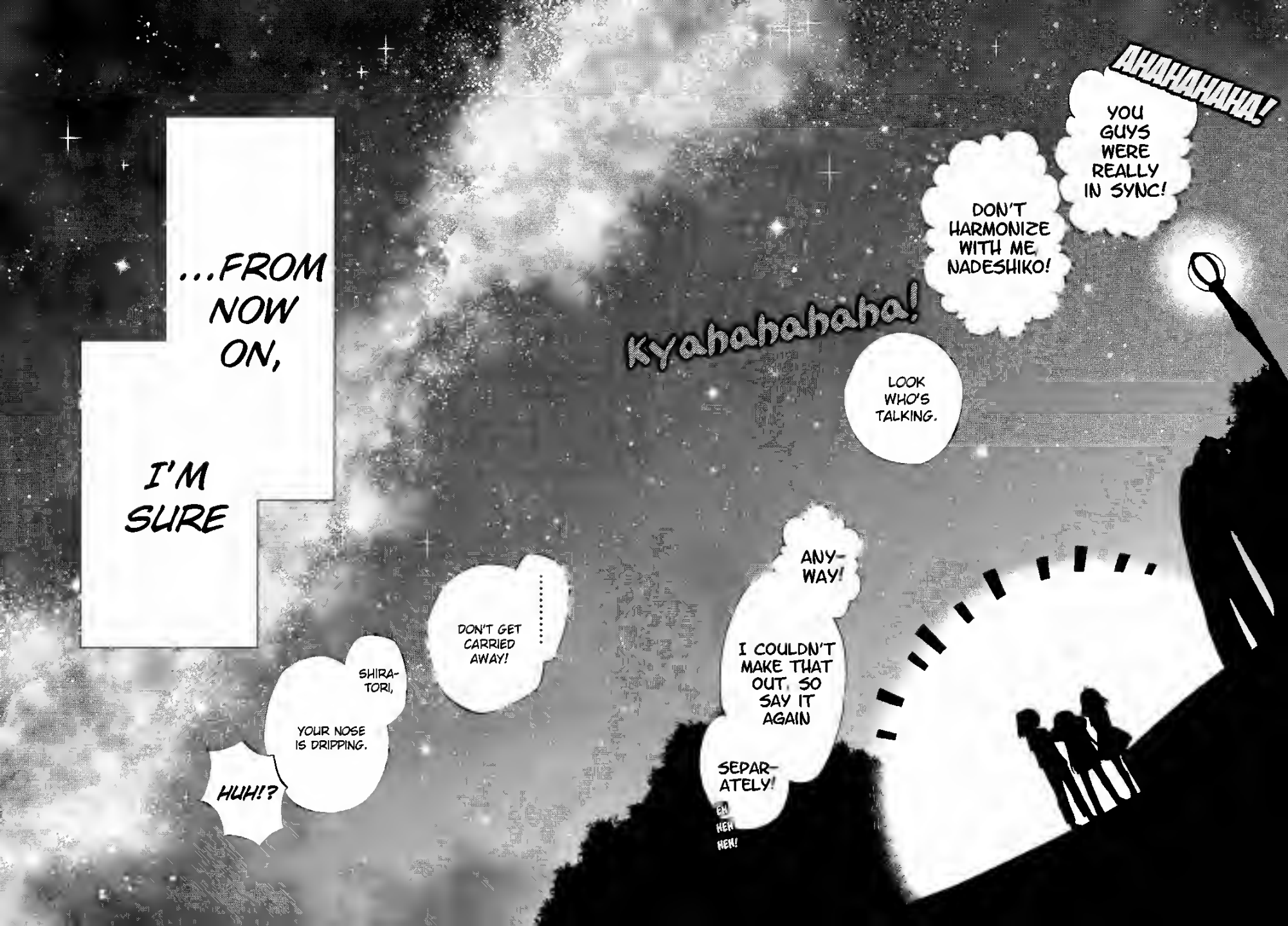
...YOU GUYS HAVE MADE UP?
SO THEN...
.....
.....
...WELL, I GUESS SO.
YEAH.
.....
THAT'S GREAT! THEN IT'S ALL SETTLED!
Ahhh!
COME ON! SHAKE HANDS!
Geez!
THAT WAS REALLY ROUGH!
OUR CLASS-MATES WERE WORRIED ABOUT US,
AND MAE-CHIN
WAS... TRYING... TO BE... CON...SID... ERATE...

SO GLAD...
I'M JUST...
キュ……
THANK GOOD-NESS...
I WAS SO LONELY...



I'M SORRY, SHIRA- TSU- TORI! KASA!


……
……
フ〇ー〃


...FROM NOW ON,
I'M SURE
HUH!?
SHIRA-TORI,
YOUR NOSE IS DRIPPING.
DON'T GET CARRIED AWAY!
.....
Kyahahahaha!
ANY-WAY!
I COULDN'T MAKE THAT OUT. SO SAY IT AGAIN
SEPAR-ATELY!
EH HEH HEH!
LOOK WHO'S TALKING.
DON'T HARMONIZE WITH ME, NADESHIKO!
YOU GUYS WERE REALLY IN SYNC!
AHAHAHAHA!

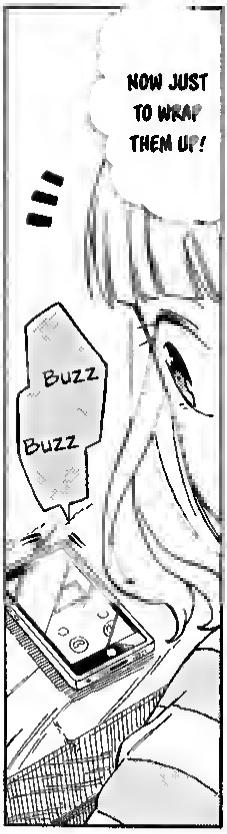
THAT'S WHO WE ARE...
THAT THE THREE OF US WILL CONTINUE SMILING LIKE THIS.
LIBRARY
スピー....
DID YOU DO WHAT THE TEACHER ASKED US...
.....
SUBARU,
ガラ

FLIP
HE'S ASLEEP AGAIN...
And sure enough, he didn't do any of the work...
Zzz...
.....!

THIS ISN'T GOOD...!
AH!
BUT!!!
SO THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH ME...!
I'M INDIRECTLY LOOKING AT SHIRATORI-SAN!
SO THEN,
I'M JUST OVERLAPPING SUBARU WITH SHIRATORI-SAN!
HE REALLY DOES RESEMBLE SHIRATORI-SAN...! WELL, THEY'RE TWINS, SO OF COURSE HE WOULD!
Zzz
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
AND YET I DIDN'T GET LIKE THIS BEFORE...!
.....
CLENCH
Y...YEAH! IT'S OKAY!!
WHOA !!?
...IS IT REALLY !?
IS WHAT?
Yo-
When
Just now
YOU WOKE UP!?
YOU WERE MAKING SO MUCH NOISE.
Fwaa...
...IT REALLY DOES FEEL WEIRD.

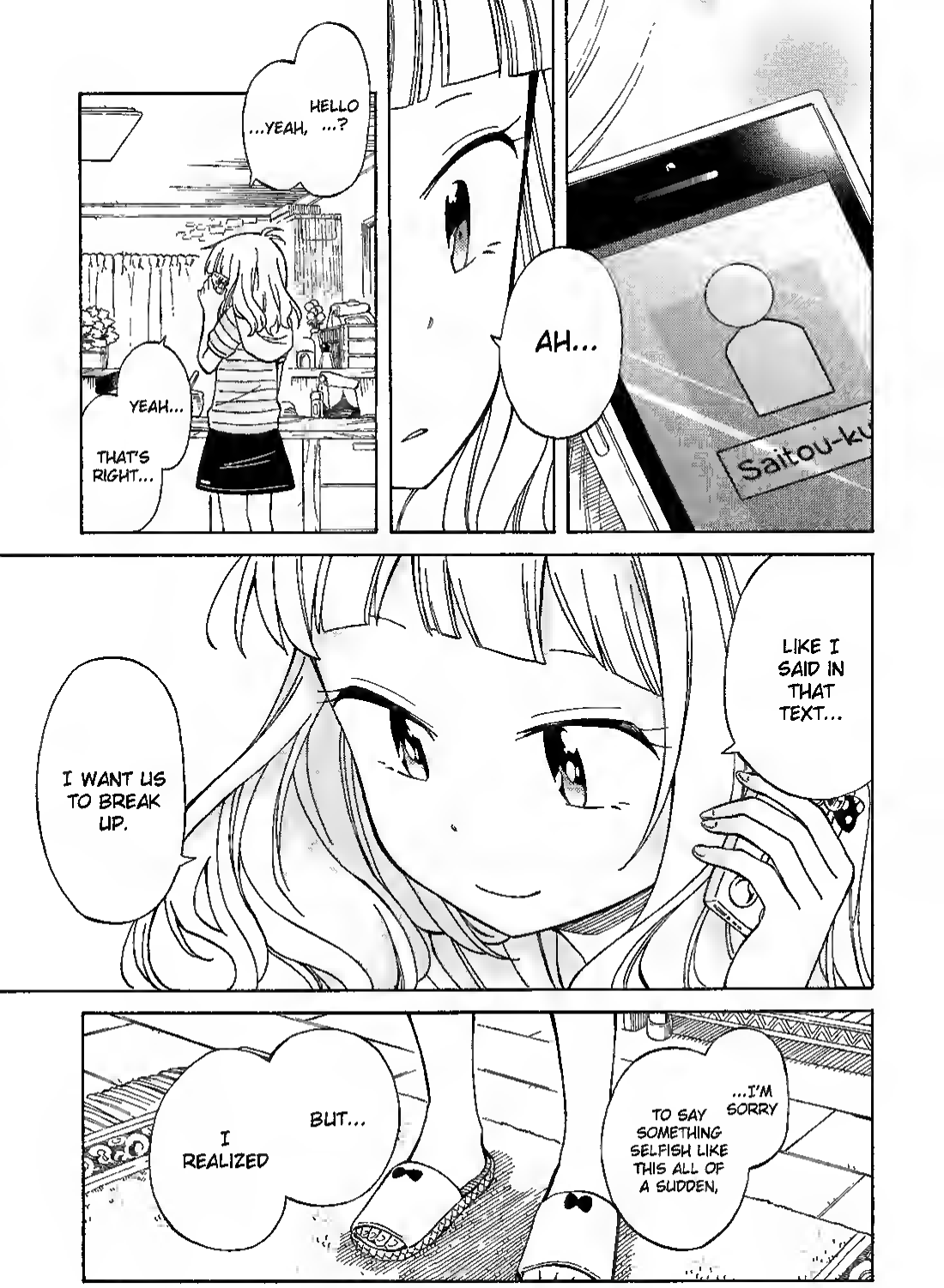
BEING CALLED BY MY NAME BY SOMEONE OUTSIDE OF MY FAMILY...
Huh?
WHAT DID PEOPLE CALL YOU IN GRADE SCHOOL?
To differentiate you with Shiratori-san.
EVERYONE JUST USED "KUN" FOR ME,
OR STUFF LIKE SHIRATORI'S BROTHER.
.....
SOME EVEN CALLED ME SHIRATORI NO. 2.
ISN'T THAT COOL?
WHEN I WAS LITTLE, I GOT CALLED TWO-KUN OR SU-CHAN...
EVEN THOUGH KUN AND CHAN ARE OPPOSITES.
AND ALSO...
WHAT ARE YOU SMILING ABOUT?
.....?
Did I say something that funny?
HUH!?
WELL...
EHHH ...!?
.....
ふふふ

...IT'S A SECRET.

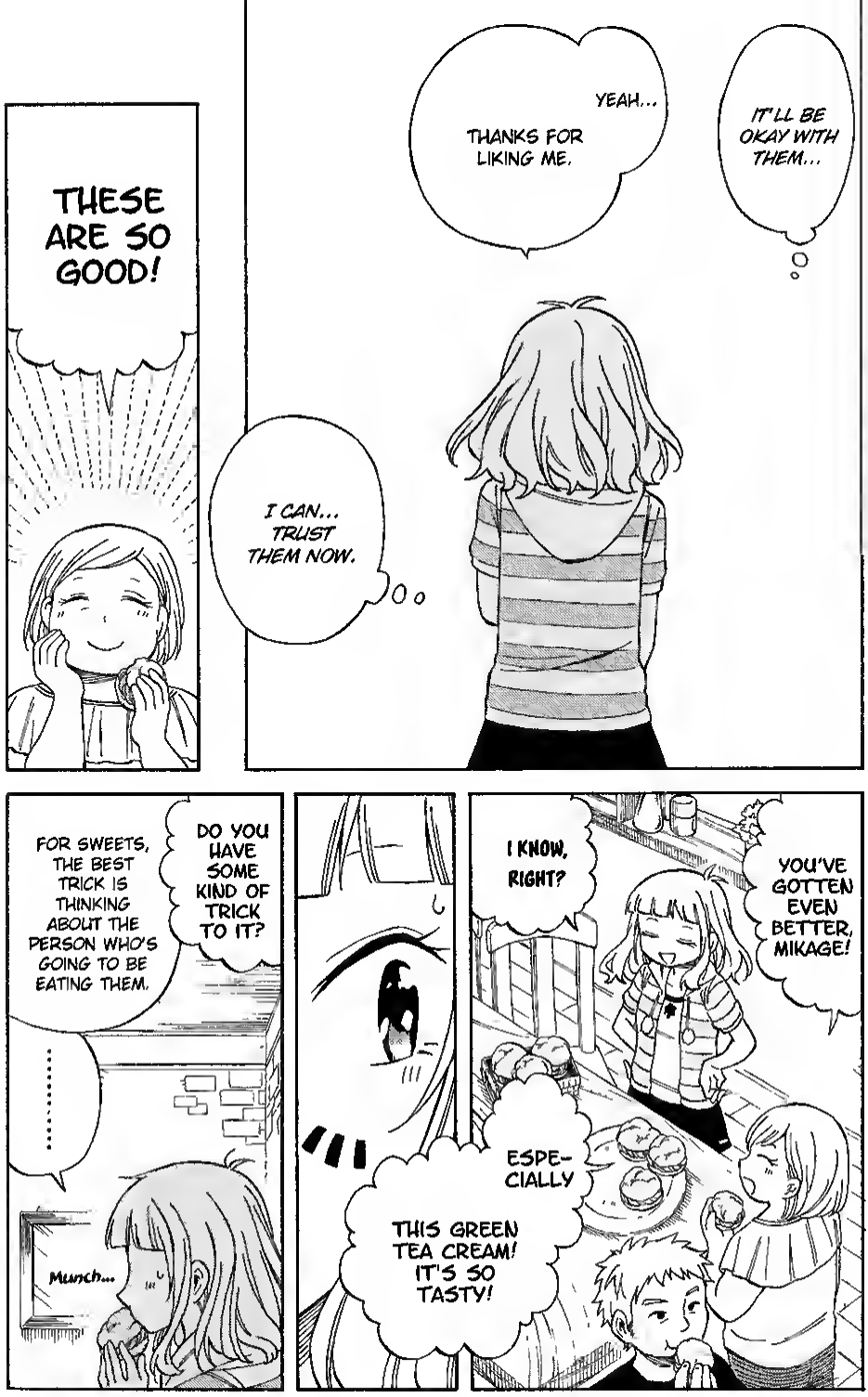

NOW JUST TO WRAP THEM UP!
Buzz
Buzz

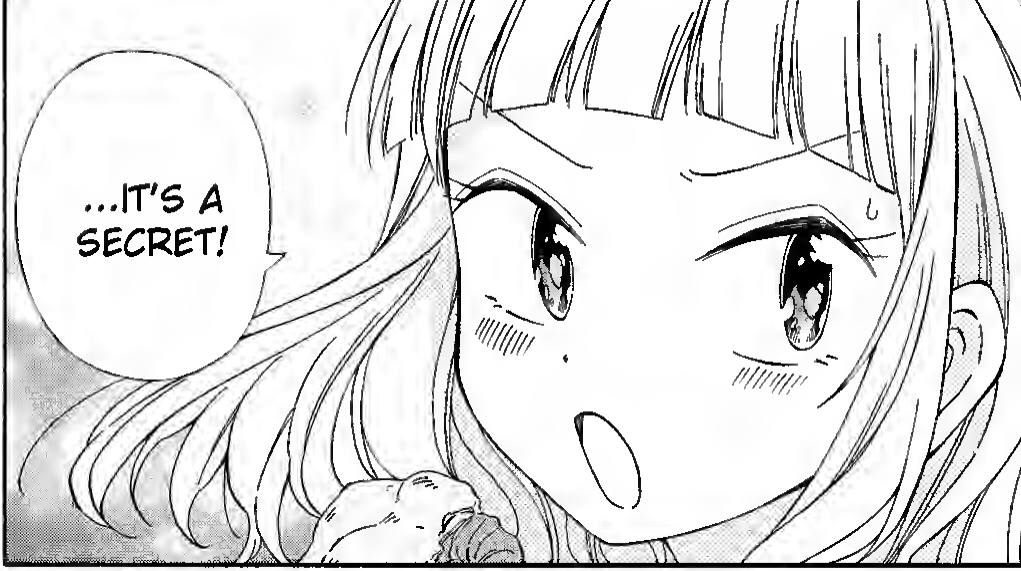
Whew!
...ALL RIGHT!
THEY'RE DONE!

KOTOOKA


HELLO
...YEAH, ...?
YEAH...
THAT'S RIGHT...
AH...
Saitou-ku
LIKE I SAID IN THAT TEXT...
I WANT US TO BREAK UP.
...I'M SORRY
TO SAY SOMETHING SELFISH LIKE THIS ALL OF A SUDDEN,
BUT...
I REALIZED

I WANT TO SPEND AS MUCH TIME WITH THEM AS POSSIBLE.
THAT I... WANT TO TREASURE THE TIME I HAVE WITH MY FRIENDS RIGHT NOW.
...OH, YEAH. I HAVE TO PROPERLY TURN DOWN MUU-TAN, AND I HAVE TO APOLOGIZE TO OGAWA-SAN...
I WAS THINKING ABOUT TAKING A BREAK FROM DATING ANYONE... SO...
I'M SURE I CAN TELL THEM.
EVEN IF IT'S NOT RIGHT AWAY...
ABOUT MY SECRET... ABOUT WHAT WE'RE ALL HARBORING...
I'LL BE SURE TO TELL TSUKASA AND NADESHIKO


THESE ARE SO GOOD!
I CAN... TRUST THEM NOW.
THANKS FOR LIKING ME.
YEAH...
IT'LL BE OKAY WITH THEM...
DO YOU HAVE SOME KIND OF TRICK TO IT?
FOR SWEETS, THE BEST TRICK IS THINKING ABOUT THE PERSON WHO'S GOING TO BE EATING THEM.
.....
Munch...
THIS GREEN TEA CREAM! IT'S SO TASTY!
ESPE-CIALLY
I KNOW, RIGHT?
YOU'VE GOTTEN EVEN BETTER, MIKAGE!


...IT'S A SECRET!

KEC
MOM SAID SHE'S MAKING YAKINIKU TONIGHT!
I CAN'T WAIT!
DON'T EAT MY SHARE OF THE MEAT, OKAY?
DON'T YOU KNOW THE EARLY BIRD CATCHES THE WORM?
...TSU-KASA,

I'M GONNA GO BUY IT!
I FORGOT THE SAUCE!
ピュー!!
AH!
I'LL STILL WAIT FOR YOU...
NO MATTER WHO IT IS,
I HAVE TO PROPERLY ASK YOU SOME-DAY...
ABOUT WHO YOU LIKE...
ぽーん
.....
COME TO THINK OF IT,
WHAT SHOULD I DO... ABOUT PRETENDING TO BE TSUKASA AROUND ASAKURA...?

ASA-KURA...
Ugh...
ASAKURA PROBABLY STILL LIKES TSUKASA...
...ASA-KURA LIKES TSU-KASA...
EVEN THOUGH I DECIDED TO WAIT FOR HER,
I STILL DON'T WANT HER GETTING INVOLVED WITH STUFF LIKE THAT...
This is different...!!
I MEAN, THAT REALLY PUTS ME IN A BAD MOOD...!!
Ahhhhh....
I CAN'T TELL HIM THE TRUTH AT THIS POINT...
SO I'LL HAVE TO KEEP DOING THIS UNTIL ASAKURA GIVES UP ON HER...
...I GUESS I'LL BUY SOME MORE CLOTHES...
That's the only one I have.
Ahhhh

I WONDER WHAT HE'D LIKE...

I HAVE TO THINK OF CLOTHES THAT HE'D HATE...
THAT'S NOT RIGHT.
...HUH?

WHAT WERE YOU THINKING ABOUT?
YOU WERE ALL SPACED OUT.
HUH?
WHAT'S WRONG?
I also bought us some ice cream
SORRY FOR THE WAIT, SUBARU!

...IT'S A SECRET.
NORTH STAR...
"WELL THEN, TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF..."
"YOU'RE DADDY'S NORTH STAR."

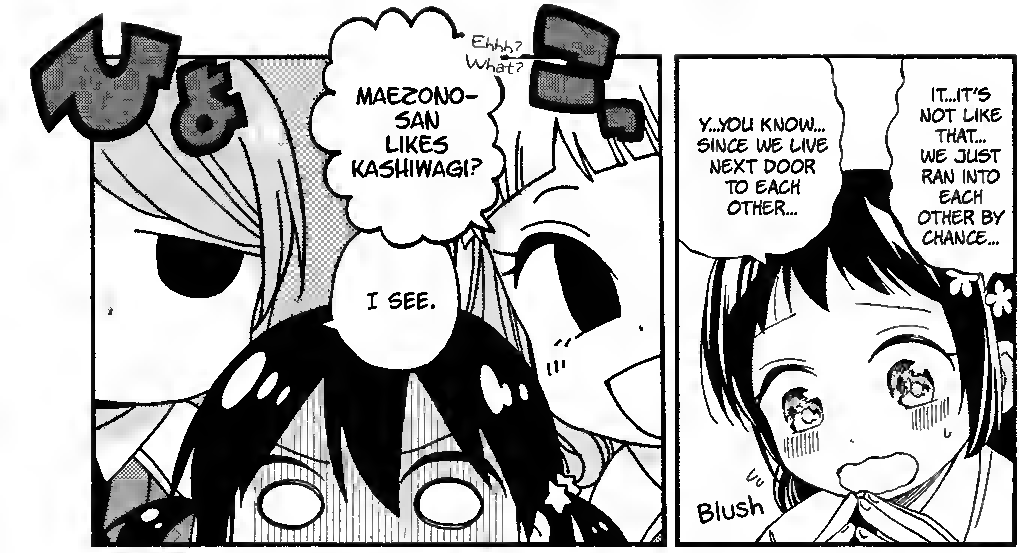
NO MATTER WHAT SHE SAYS,
I'LL ACCEPT IT WITHOUT RUNNING AWAY.
ギュッ!!
...SOMEDAY
I'LL TELL KOTOOKA
HOW I FEEL ABOUT HER.
I'M SURE THAT...
...THAT WOULD BE THE COOLEST WAY TO HANDLE IT.
HUH?
HE OFTEN SAID THE SAME THING TO ME.
DADDY'S NORTH STAR...
AH, NADESHIKO.
YOU'RE READING THAT LETTER FROM DAD AGAIN?
ｷﾗｷﾗ!∞
!!!

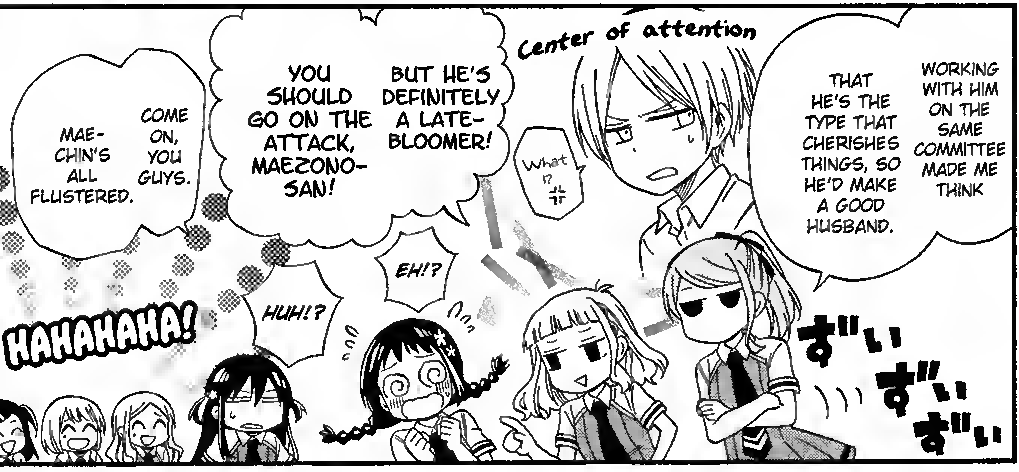
NOW, NOW.
YOUR FATHER ALSO SAID,
CREEPED OUT
THAT'S JUST GROSS...
HE'S USING HIS PROPOSAL ON HIS DAUGHTER...?
YOUR FATHER PROPOSED TO ME WITH "YOU'RE MY NORTH STAR."
HUH!?
Shiver
"THERE ISN'T JUST ONE POTENTIAL NORTH STAR."
"THERE'S MORE THAN ONE PERSON I CHERISH AND IT'S GOOD TO HAVE AS MANY AS POSSIBLE."
BESIDES, THERE ARE VARIOUS WAYS IN WHICH YOU CAN CHERISH SOMEONE.
ROMANTICALLY... AMONG YOUR FAMILY...
.....

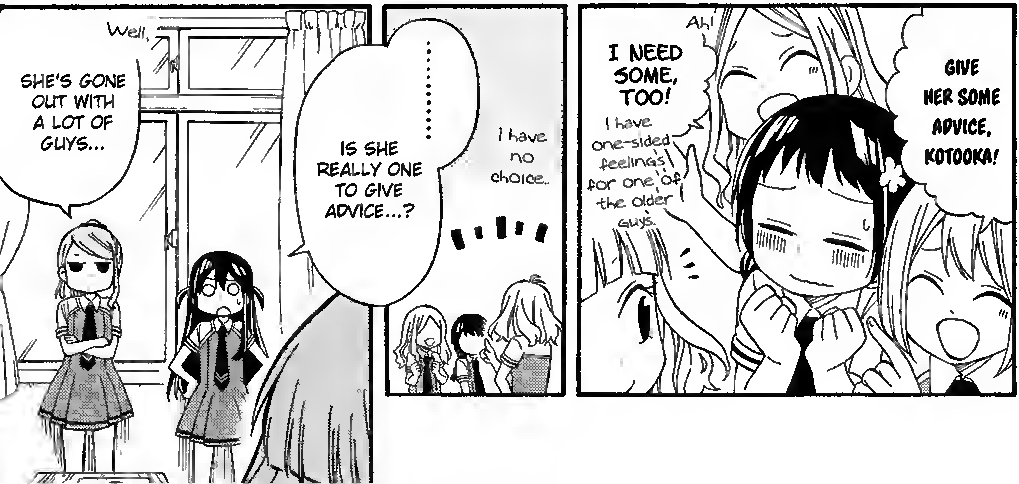
AND EVEN YOUR FRIENDS.
Constellation Guide
HMM...
...YEAH,
YOU'RE RIGHT.
POSSIBLE NORTH STARS
Lyra's Vega
Cygnus' Deneb
BUT STILL,
WHEN HE CONFESSED TO ME ALL OF A SUDDEN WITH "YOU'RE MY NORTH STAR!", I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO THINK,
AND I HAD NO IDEA WHAT HE MEANT.
YOUR FATHER'S SUCH A HANDFUL.
.....
...I REALLY DO TAKE AFTER DAD.
Mutter
WHAT?
?
NEVER-MIND.

...IT'S A SECRET!

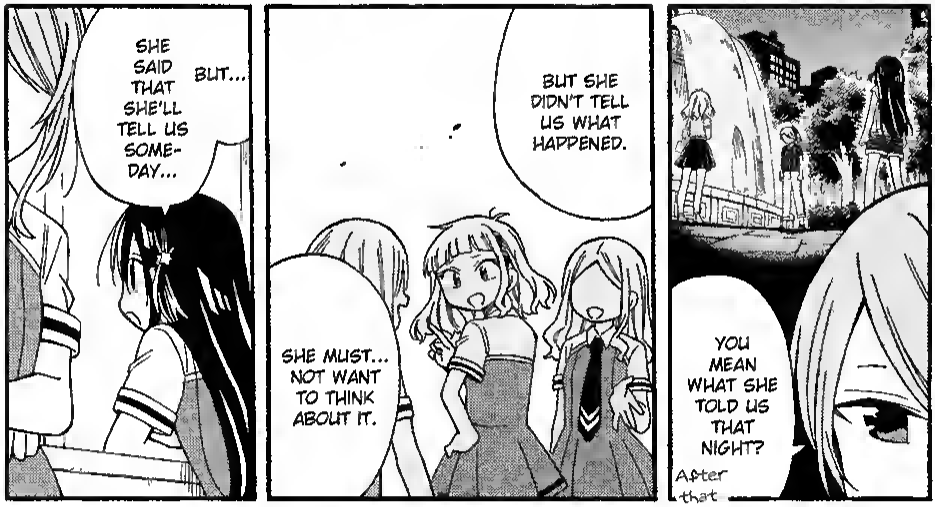
She's always loud.
TO... TORI-CHAN, YOU'RE TOO LOUD...!
WHEN DID YOU TWO GET IN THAT KIND OF RELATION-SHIP!?
HUH !?
YOU WENT HOME WITH KASHIWAGI!?


Ehhh? What?
MAEZONO-SAN LIKES KASHIWAGI?
I SEE.
IT...IT'S NOT LIKE THAT... WE JUST RAN INTO EACH OTHER BY CHANCE...
Y...YOU KNOW... SINCE WE LIVE NEXT DOOR TO EACH OTHER...
Blush

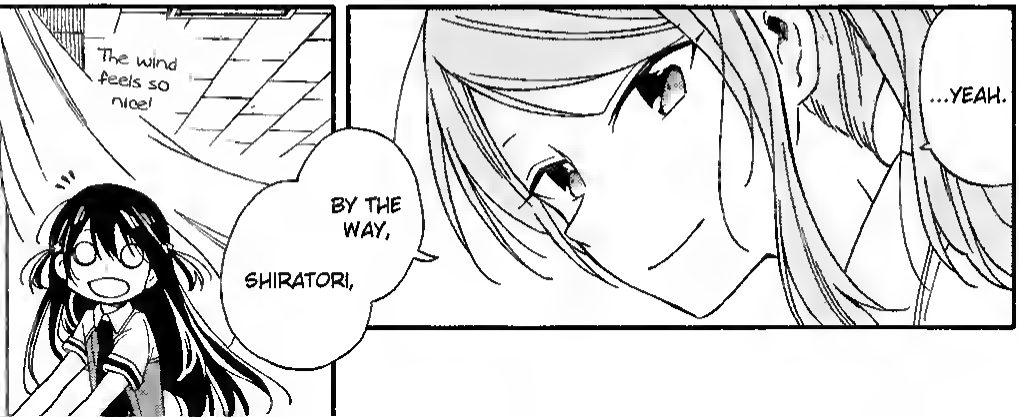

Center of attention
COME ON, YOU GUYS.
MAE-CHIN'S ALL FLUSTERED.
YOU SHOULD GO ON THE ATTACK, MAEZONO-SAN!
BUT HE'S DEFINITELY A LATE-BLOOMER!
What!?
EH!?
HUH!?
HAHAHAHA!
WORKING WITH HIM ON THE SAME COMMITTEE MADE ME THINK
THAT HE'S THE TYPE THAT CHERISHES THINGS, SO HE'D MAKE A GOOD HUSBAND.
ずいずいずい


Well,
SHE'S GONE OUT WITH A LOT OF GUYS...
IS SHE REALLY ONE TO GIVE ADVICE...?
I have no choice..
Ah!
I NEED SOME, TOO!
I have one-sided feelings for one of the older guys.
GIVE HER SOME ADVICE, KOTOOKA!

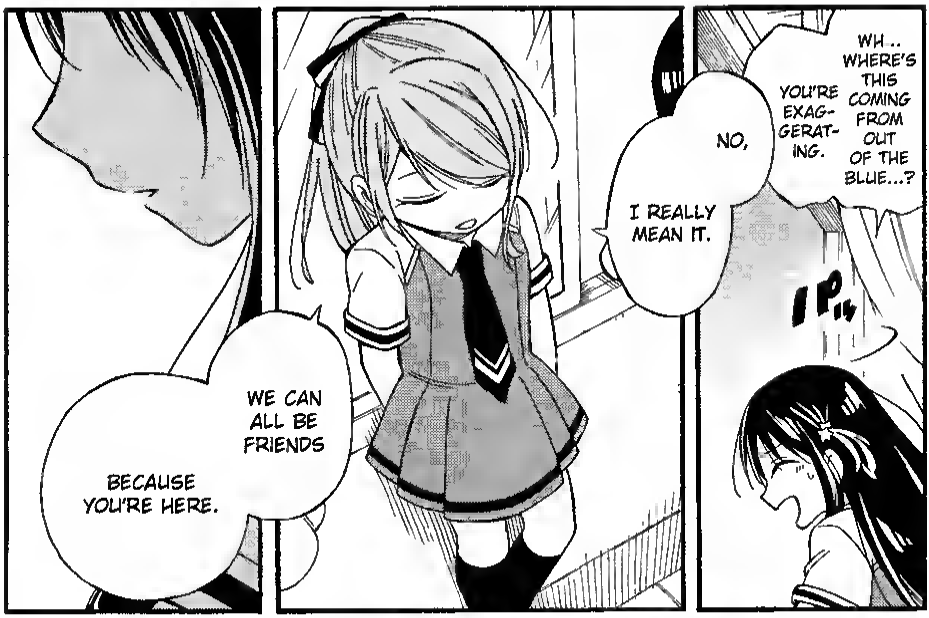
THAT SHE GOT TIRED OF HAVING A BOYFRIEND AFTER WHAT HAPPENED RECENTLY.
SHE SAID
.....
...BUT KOTOOKA
BROKE UP WITH SAITOU-KUN.
I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.
...DOESN'T THAT MAKE YOU HAPPY?
HUH?
FUFU...
ABOUT HOW SHE COULDN'T MAKE UP WITH THOSE TWO GIRLS!
Haa...
BUT STILL, WHAT HAPPENED BACK IN GRADE SCHOOL?

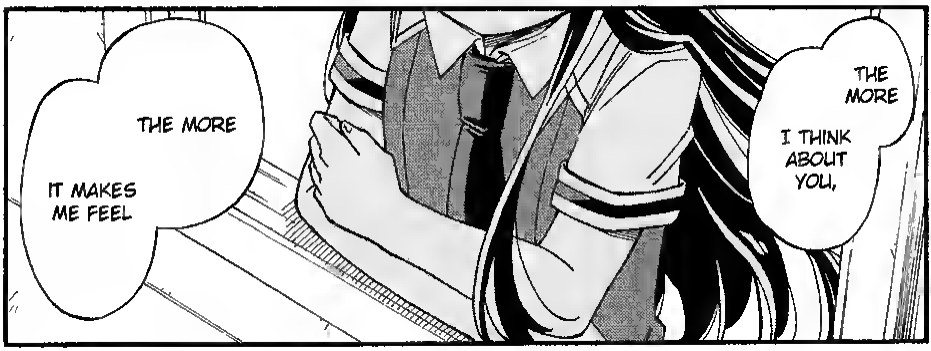

SHE SAID THAT SHE'LL TELL US SOME-DAY...
BUT...
BUT SHE DIDN'T TELL US WHAT HAPPENED.
SHE MUST... NOT WANT TO THINK ABOUT IT.
YOU MEAN WHAT SHE TOLD US THAT NIGHT?
After that

AT THAT TIME, LET'S LISTEN TO WHAT SHE HAS TO SAY
TOGETHER!


...YEAH.
BY THE WAY, SHIRATORI,
The wind feels so nice!

THANKS.
!
THE REASON WHY...
WE'RE LIKE THIS RIGHT NOW
IS ALL THANKS TO YOU.


WH.. WHERE'S THIS COMING FROM OUT OF THE BLUE...?
YOU'RE EXAG-GERAT-ING.
NO,
I REALLY MEAN IT.
WE CAN ALL BE FRIENDS
BECAUSE YOU'RE HERE.

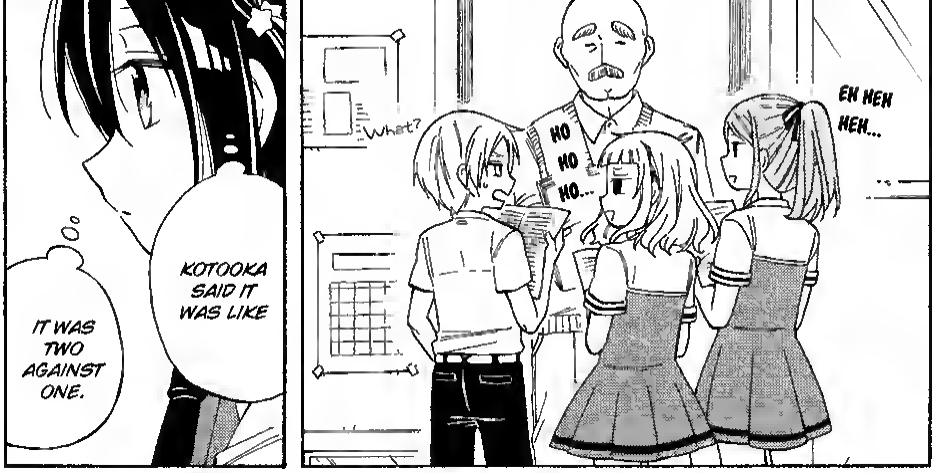

THE MORE
I THINK ABOUT YOU,
THE MORE
IT MAKES ME FEEL

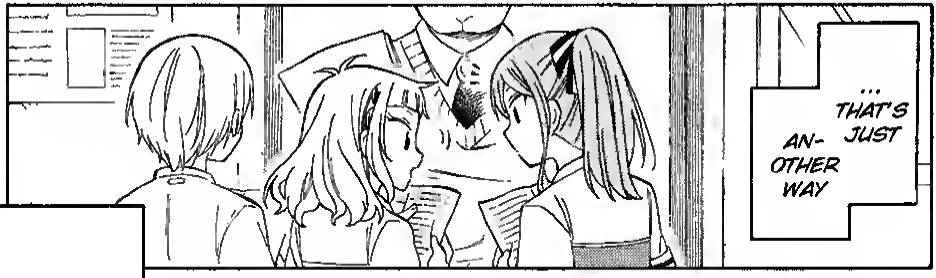
THAT I'M GLAD
YOU'RE MY FRIEND.

I'M SO HAPPY
THAT YOU'RE HERE FOR ME...!

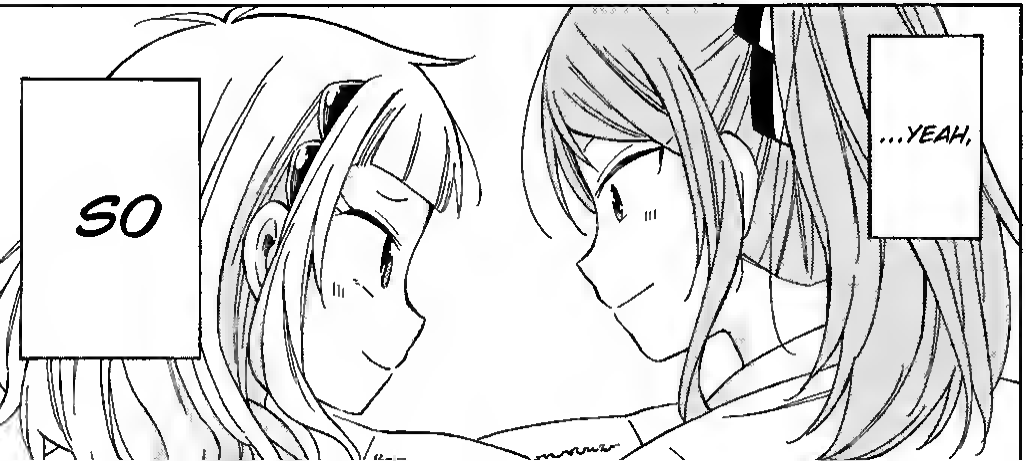
NEWS COMMIT-TEE!
CAN I SEE ALL OF YOU FOR A MINUTE?
...HEAR THAT, NADESHIKO?
I WONDER IF HE HAS A JOB FOR US...
I'LL SEE YOU LATER.
Haa
WHAT A PAIN...
.....
LATER...
.....
HEY!
HAVE YOU STILL NOT FOUND ANYONE, SHIRATORI?
HUH?
SOMEONE YOU LIKE!

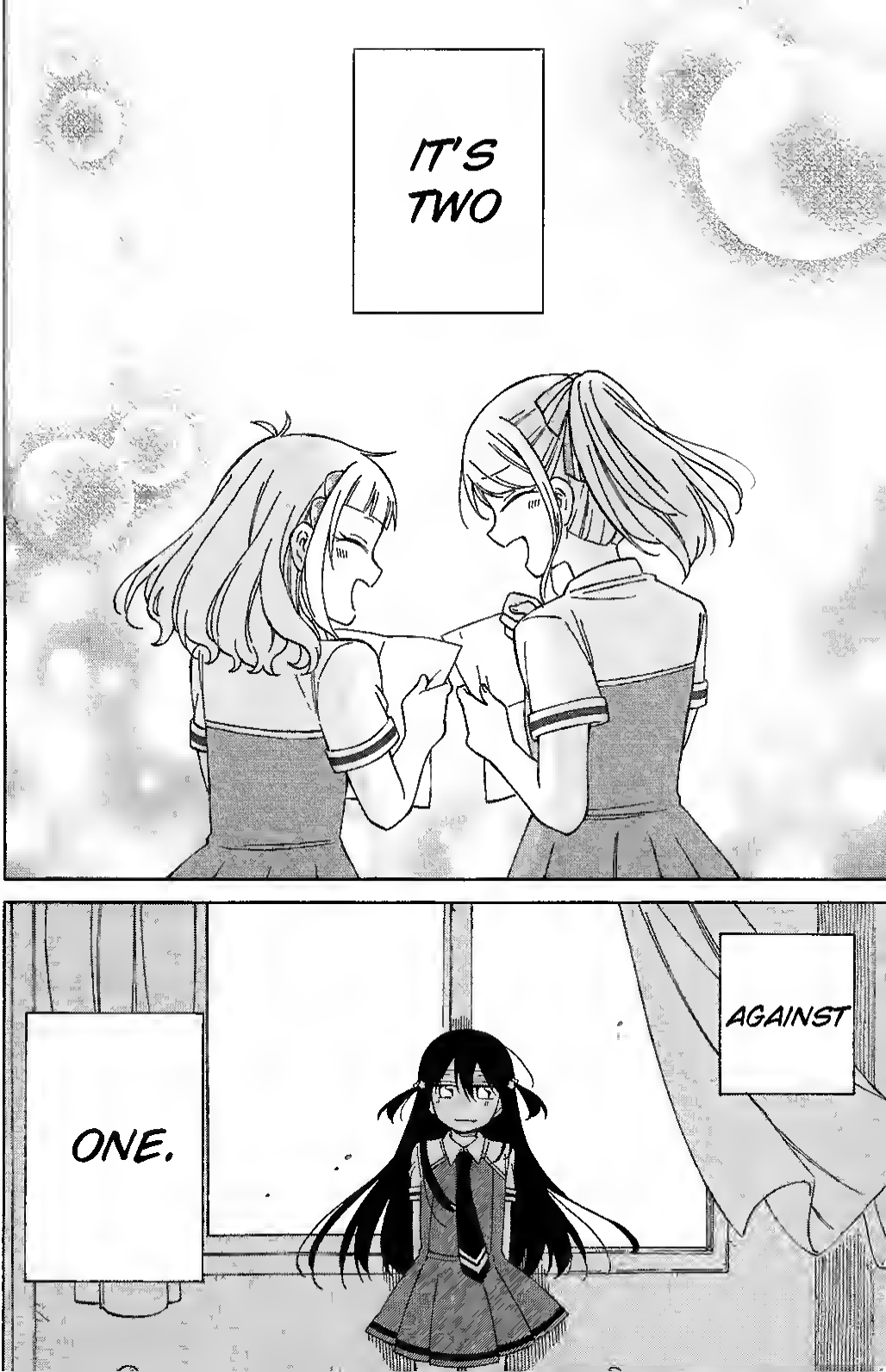
"YOUR FIRST LOVE NEVER WORKS OUT."
TH... THAT AGAIN?
WELL, YOU ALWAYS SAY YOU DON'T LIKE ANYONE!
YOU SHOULD GET YOUR FIRST LOVE OVER AND DONE WITH AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!
.....?
WHY?
WELL, IT'S LIKE WHAT THEY SAY!
WE... WERE YOU LISTEN-ING, MAE-CHIN!?
AH...
THAT DOESN'T MATTER AS LONG AS THE OTHER PERSON LIKES YOU BACK!
...Really?
SO IT'S BEST FOR YOU TO GET PAST THAT WHEN YOU'RE LITTLE...
ずーん....

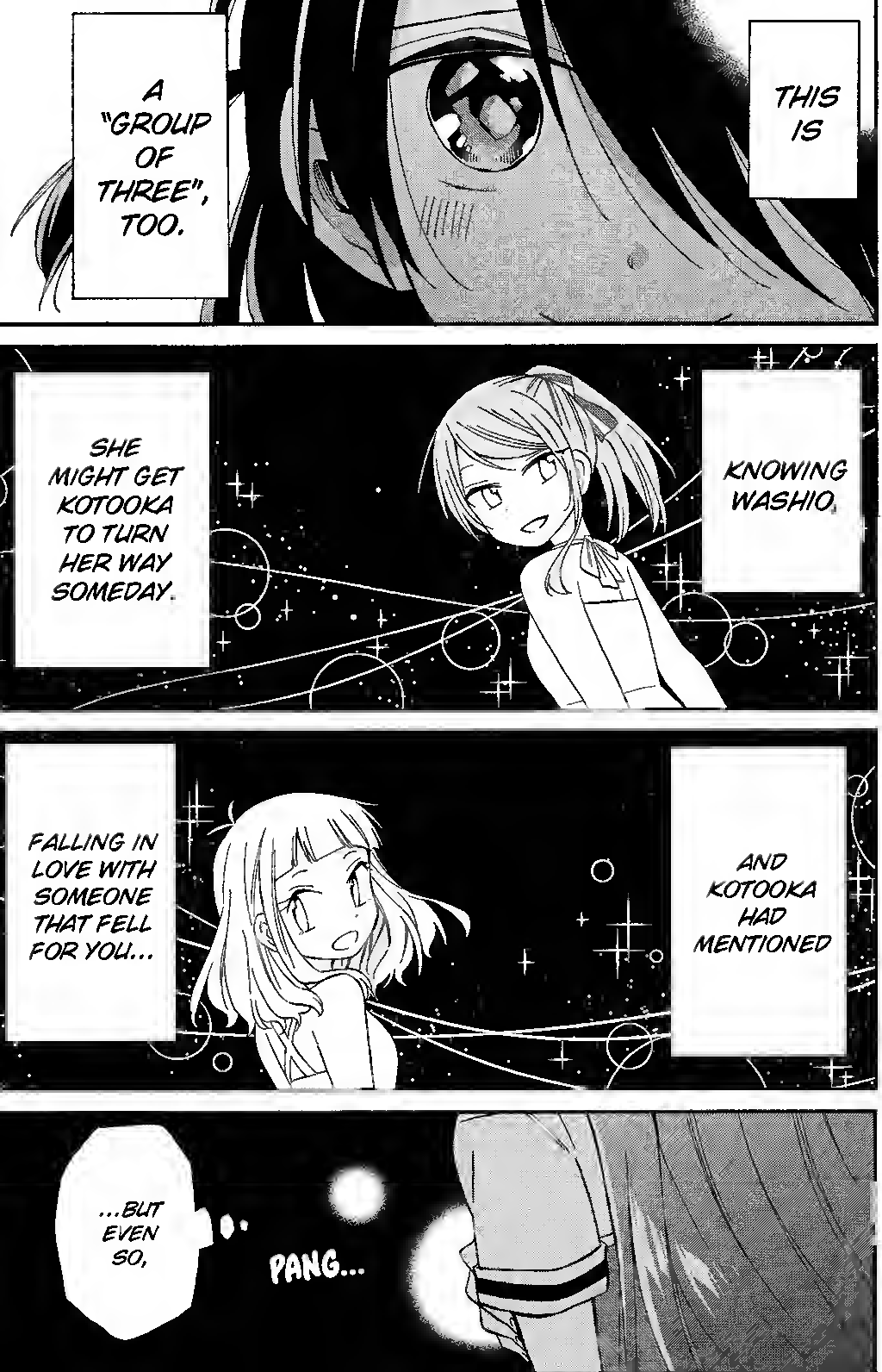

IT WAS TWO AGAINST ONE.
KOTOOKA SAID IT WAS LIKE
What?
HO HO HO...
EH HEH HEH...

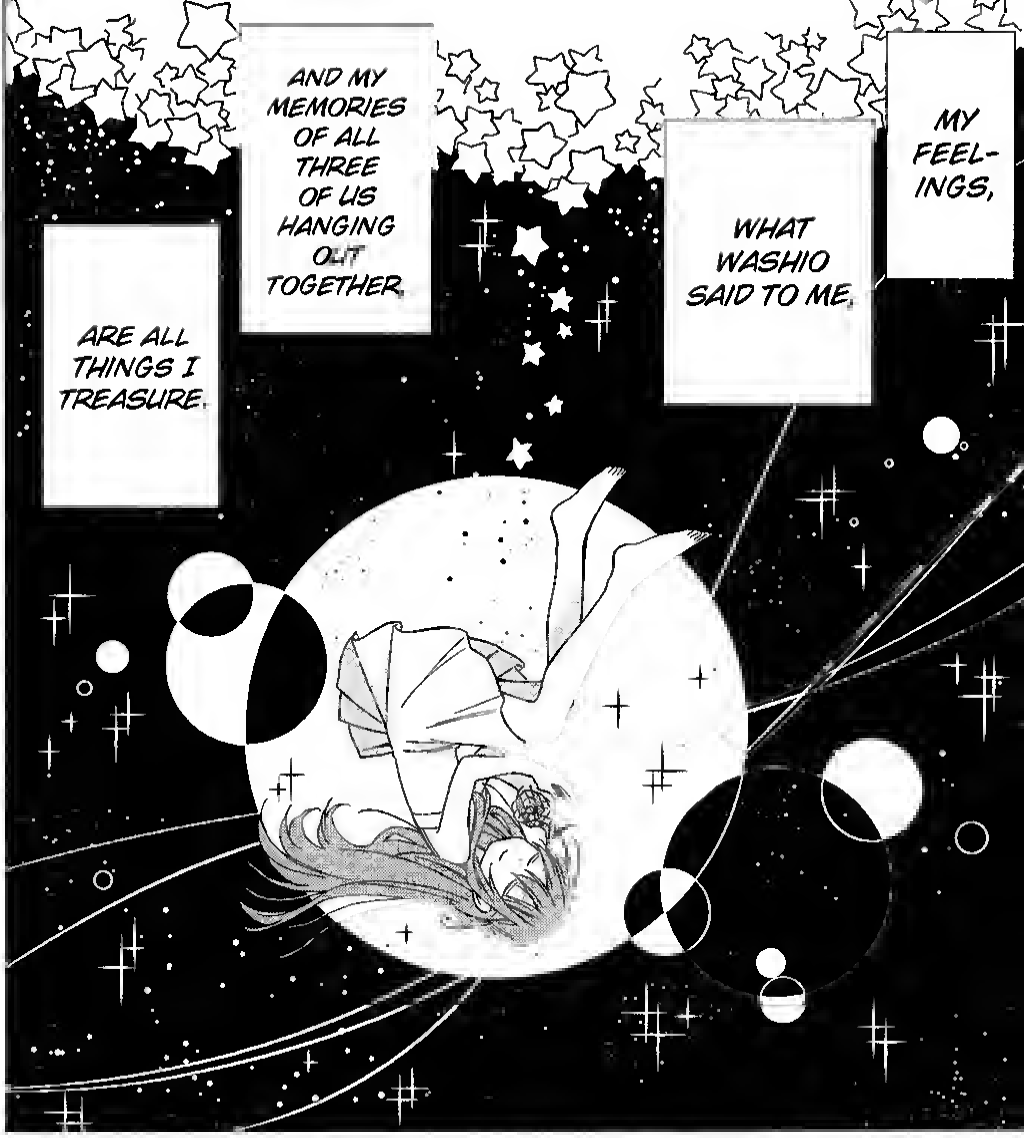

...THAT'S JUST AN-OTHER WAY

THAT A "GROUP OF THREE" CAN BE LIKE.

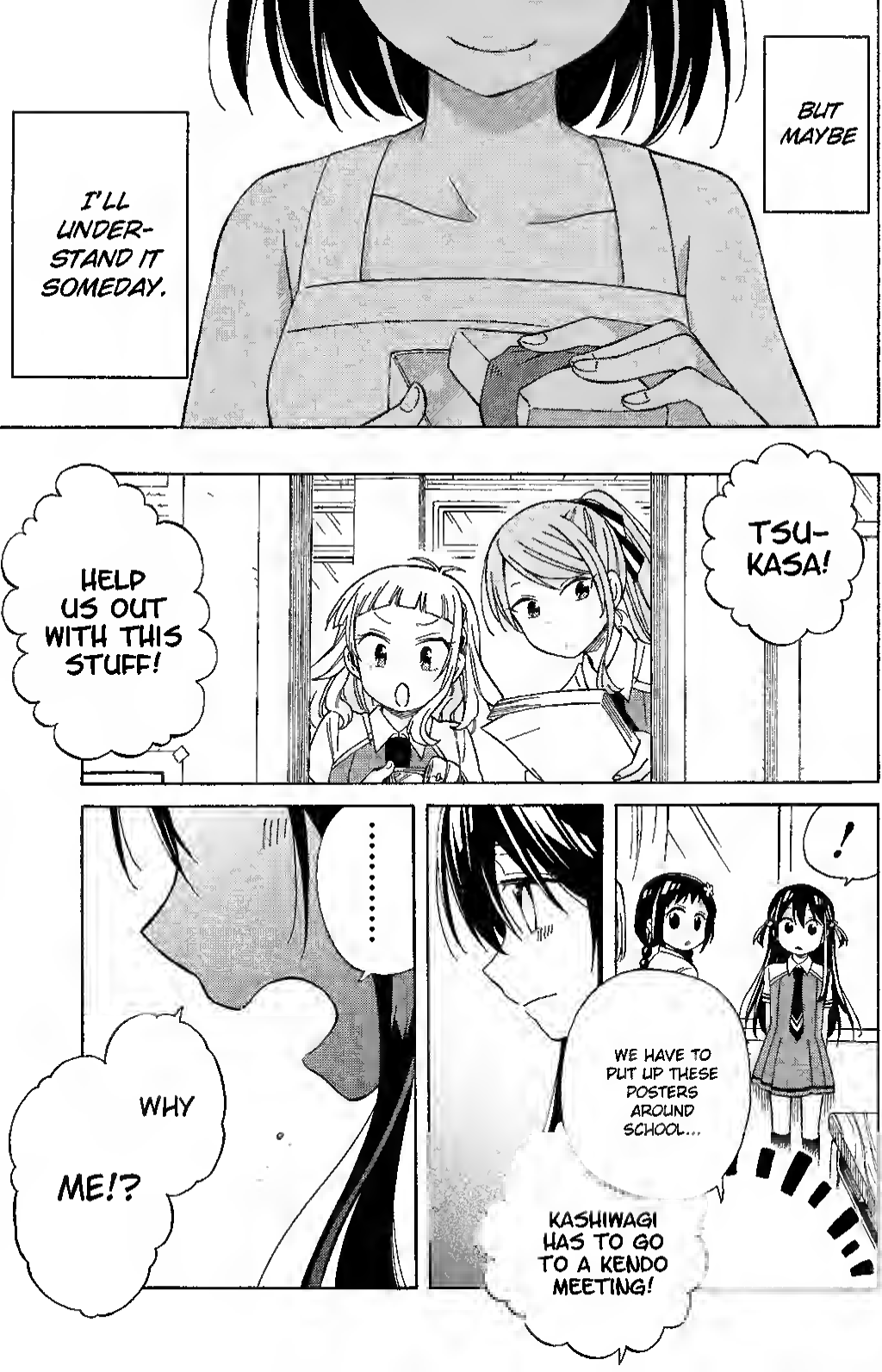

SO
...YEAH,

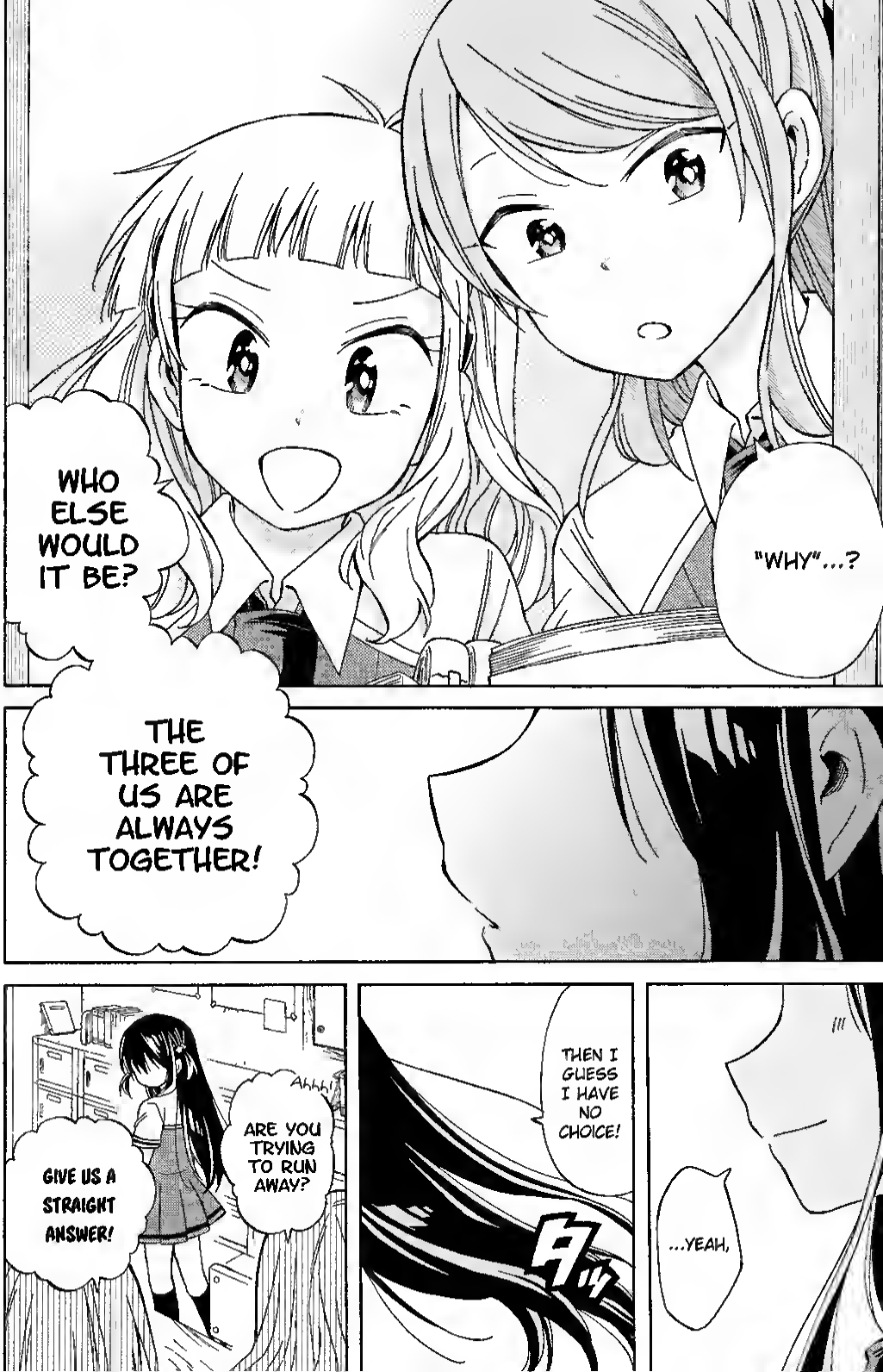

IT'S TWO
ONE.
AGAINST


THIS IS
A "GROUP OF THREE", TOO.
KNOWING WASHIO,
SHE MIGHT GET KOTOOKA TO TURN HER WAY SOMEDAY.
AND KOTOOKA HAD MENTIONED
FALLING IN LOVE WITH SOMEONE THAT FELL FOR YOU...
...BUT EVEN SO,
PANG...


MY FEELINGS,
WHAT WASHIO SAID TO ME,
AND MY MEMORIES OF ALL THREE OF US HANGING OUT TOGETHER,
ARE ALL THINGS I TREASURE.

I STILL DON'T
HAVE A NAME FOR THIS PAIN,

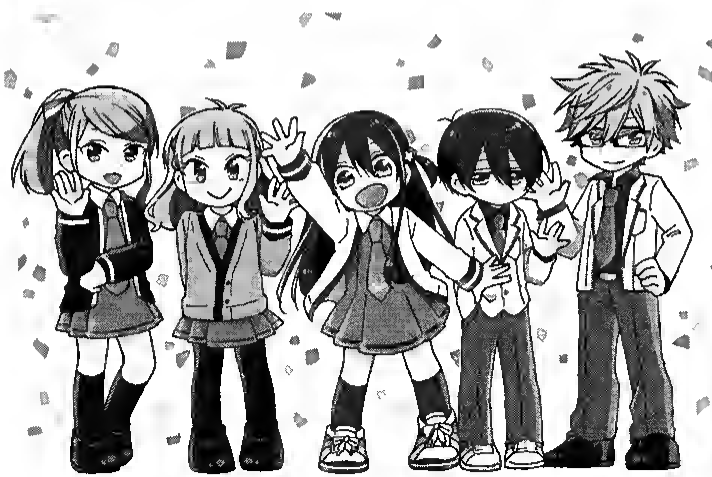

BUT MAYBE
I'LL UNDER-STAND IT SOMEDAY.
TSU-KASA!
HELP US OUT WITH THIS STUFF!
!
WE HAVE TO PUT UP THESE POSTERS AROUND SCHOOL...
KASHIWAGI HAS TO GO TO A KENDO MEETING!
.....
WHY ME!?


"WHY"...?
WHO ELSE WOULD IT BE?
THE THREE OF US ARE ALWAYS TOGETHER!
...YEAH,
THEN I GUESS I HAVE NO CHOICE!
Ahhh!
ARE YOU TRYING TO RUN AWAY?
GIVE US A STRAIGHT ANSWER!

DO YOU REALLY NOT HAVE ANYONE YOU LIKE?

IT'S A SECRET!

NANASHI NO ASTERISM THE END



Character Backgrounds

Tsukasa Shiratori

- QUITE A LOT OF READERS ALREADY NOTICED THIS, BUT AS SHOWN IN THE STORY, THE "SUMMER TRIANGLE" WAS USED AS A MOTIF FOR SHIRATORI, WASHIO AND KOTOOKA.

- HER FIRST NAME DOESN'T HAVE ANY PARTICULAR MEANING, BUT I WANTED IT TO BE GENDERLESS. I WANTED IT TO WORK FOR BOTH BOYS AND GIRLS, AND FOR IT TO BE PAIRED WITH SUBARU AS HIS TWIN...THERE WERE A LOT OF OTHER CANDIDATES SUCH AS "TSUBAKI", "TSUBASA" AND "SORA", BUT I WENT WITH SOMETHING THAT WENT WELL WITH HER SURNAME. HOW A NAME FEELS IS IMPORTANT.

- I'M SO HAPPY THAT THERE WERE SO MANY PEOPLE WHO NOTICED THE SUBTLE PLACEMENT OF ITEMS FROM TSUKASA'S "FOOD SERIES"!

- I PRECISELY DREW TSUKASA TO BE A CHEERFUL AND STRAIGHTFORWARD GIRL. IT FELT GOOD DRAWING HER. IT MUST HAVE BEEN HARD ON HER TO BE THE CENTER OF TWO LOVE TRIANGLES, BUT I'M SURE SHE'LL BE OKAY FROM NOW ON!

- DESPITE HOW THE STORY ENDED, TSUKASA WILL ALSO END UP HAPPY EVENTUALLY. I FEEL THAT SHE'S A GIRL WHO DOESN'T THINK SOMETHING ALONG THE LINES OF "UNREQUITED LOVE = UNHAPPINESS"!

I also answer some of the questions I've received
Tsukasa from ch. 1's title page.
I liked everything about it, including the design and her expression.
Waaaaa!
I can't help wanting to draw this face.
Braids

Sparkle
She had various hairstyles, like tying it back and wearing it down.
I liked her in glasses on ch. 13's title page.
Princess style
I see...

Nadeshiko Washio

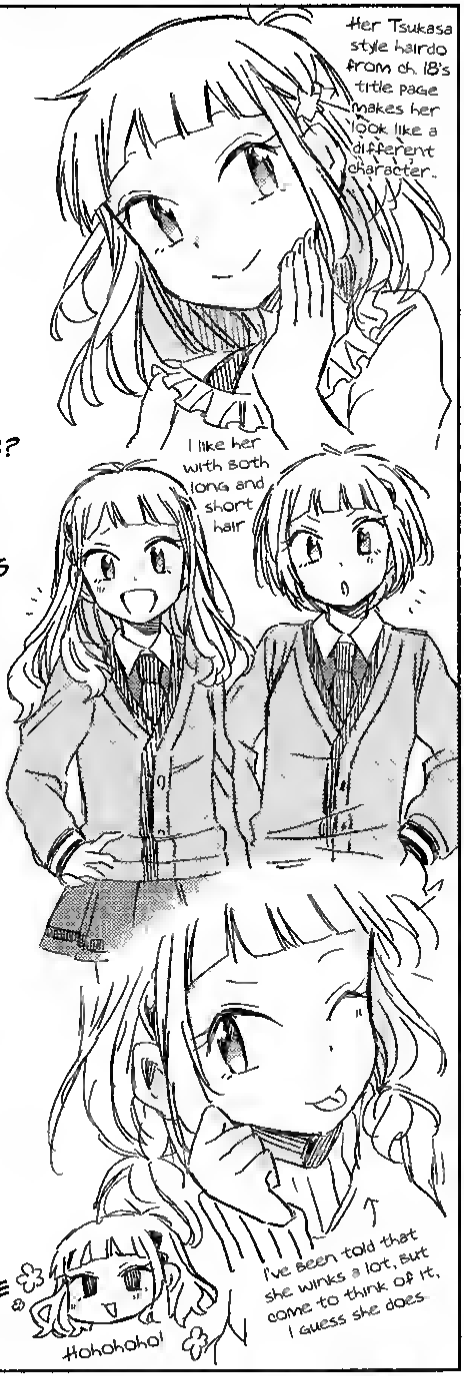
- WHEN I DREW HER, SHE KINDA LOOKED LIKE A GIRL WHO WOULD HAVE A "○○KO" NAME. I HAD DECIDED TO MAKE HER A COOL TYPE OF GIRL, SO TO GIVE HER A PERSONALITY GAP, I WENT WITH AN OLD-FASHIONED AND FEMININE NAME. OUT OF A BUNCH OF NAMES THAT ENDED IN "KO", I WENT WITH ONE THAT HAD A GOOD FEELING TO IT. I HAD PONDERED OVER "KAORUKO"!

- HER BACKSTORY INVOLVED HER HAVING A HAIRSTYLE THAT DIDN'T SUIT HER, SO I WENT WITH PIGTAILS, BUT READERS ACTUALLY POKED AT IT, SAYING THEY DIDN'T SUIT HER (HAHA).

- AS MENTIONED ABOVE, I AIMED FOR NADESHIKO TO BE A "COOL GIRL". I HAD DECIDED THAT SHE WOULDN'T CRY IN FRONT OF TSUKASA AND KOTOOKA, SO I HAD ASAKURA TAKE THAT ROLE TO COMPENSATE FOR THAT. THE TRUTH IS, I HAD ORIGIANLLY PLANNED ON HER SPENDING MORE TIME WITH ASAKURA. I HAD FUN DEPICTING THE AMBIANCE BETWEEN THEM IN CHAPTER 20.

- I'M SURE SHE'LL PROPERLY CONFESS. THERE'S THE FACT THAT SHE'S A ROMANTIC, SO DON'T YOU THINK THAT SHE'D GIVE A COOL CONFESSION, TOO?

Mikage Kotooka

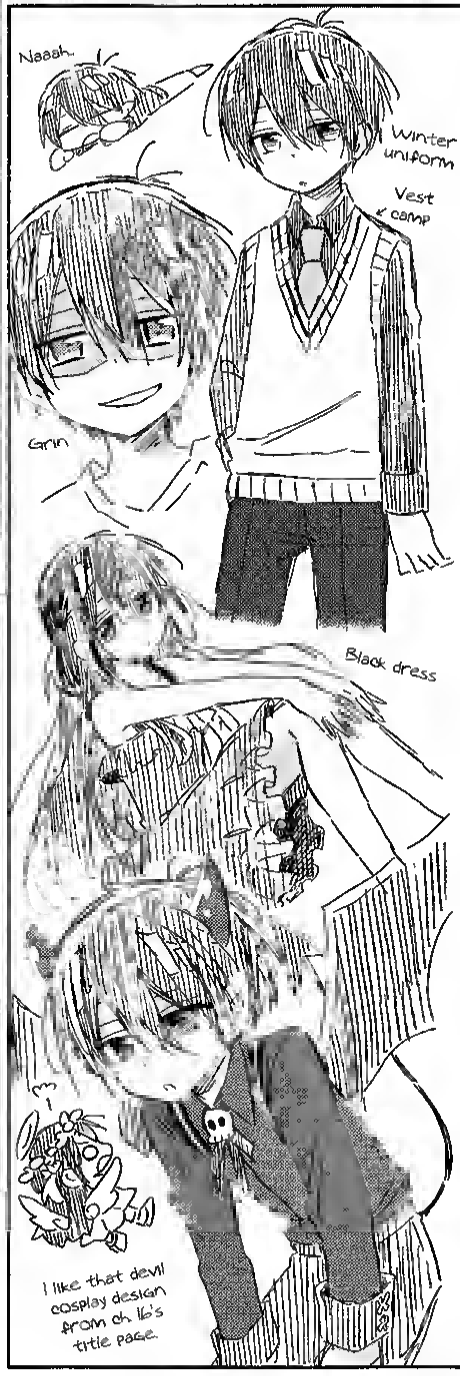

Her Tsukasa style hairdo from ch. 18's title page makes her look like a different character.
I like her with both long and short hair
I've been told that she winks a lot, but come to think of it, I guess she does
Hohohoho!

- I WROTE HER FIRST NAME IN HIRAGANA (みかげ) BECAUSE I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE CUTE TO HAVE AT LEAST ONE GIRL LIKE THAT. SHE LOOKED LIKE A "MIKA" WHEN I DREW HER, BUT IT DIDN'T FEEL LIKE THAT WENT WELL WITH HER SURNAME, SO IT BECAME "MIKAGE"!

- Q WHY IS SHE IN THE DRAMA CLUB? EVERYONE AT THEIR SCHOOL IS REQUIRED TO BE IN A CLUB. THE BACKSTORY IS THAT THE DRAMA CLUB CONTAINS A LOT OF STUDENTS WHO MERELY JOINED THE CLUB WITHOUT ANY REAL INTENT ON PARTICIPATING IN CLUB ACTIVITIES. KOTOOKA ISN'T THE TYPE TO DEVOTE HERSELF TO CLUB ACTIVITIES, AFTER ALL.

- FOR KOTOOKA, I AIMED FOR A GIRLY GIRL, FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE. INSTEAD OF IT JUST BEING ONE PERSON'S FAULT DURING THAT FLASHBACK TO HER DAYS IN GRADE SCHOOL, I DREW IT TO SHOW THE CONFLICTING THOUGHT PROCESSES BETWEEN FRIENDS. I HAD PLANNED ON HER PERSONALLY SPENDING TIME WITH SUBARU.

- SHE CRIED A LOT DURING THE STORY, BUT I'M SURE SHE'LL DEFINITELY FIND HAPPINESS. WHILE CONSIDERING TSUKASA'S AND WASHIO'S FEELINGS, I BELIEVE SHE'LL CHOOSE TO BE MORE HONEST WITH HER OWN FEELINGS.



Subaru Shiratori

- "SUBARU" IS THE NAME FOR THE PLEIADES STAR CLUSTER. I THINK YOU CAN GRASP WHY SUBARU IS NAMED SUBARU BY READING THE STORY. THE REASON WHY TSUKASA AND SUBARU ARE TWINS IS BECAUSE OF A MYTH THAT SAYS CYGNUS AND GEMINI HAVE A DEEP CONNECTION WITH EACH OTHER. (THERE ARE VARIOUS OPINIONS)
- Q IS HE GOOD FRIENDS WITH TOMOYAN?
  HE'LL TALK TO HIM, BUT HE WON'T GO OUT OF HIS WAY TO LOOK FOR HIM, AND VICE VERSA. SUBARU'S THE TYPE THAT WILL AT LEAST RESPOND WHEN TALKED TO, FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH.
- FOR SUBARU, I WAS AIMING FOR AN IRONIC CHARACTER WHO ENDS UP CHANGING THE MOST DESPITE DISLIKING CHANGE THE MOST. I WAS THINKING THAT THERE ARE VARIOUS "CHANGES" YOU CAN'T AVOID DURING PUBERTY.
  WHEN CROSS-DRESSING, I GAVE HIM HALF-OPEN EYES TO DIFFERENTIATE HIM WITH TSUKASA, BUT HE OPENS HIS EYES ALL THE WAY WHEN HE'S IMPERSONATING HER, SO THERE WASN'T MUCH POINT TO IT...(HAHA).
- GOING FORWARD...I WONDER WHAT WILL HAPPEN. AFTER ALL, HE INADVERTENTLY ENDED UP WITH THE BIGGEST UNRESOLVED PROBLEM. BUT I'M SURE THAT NOT ONLY ASAKURA, BUT ALSO TSUKASA WILL FIND OUT ABOUT HIS CROSS-DRESSING AND LIES EVENTUALLY. HE SHOULD BE ABLE TO HANG IN THERE...!

Kyousuke Asakura

- I GOT THE MOST QUESTIONS ABOUT HIS NAME BECAUSE HE'S THE ONLY ONE NOT RELATED TO A "STAR"! HOWEVER, YOU CAN SEE WHY FROM THE FEELING YOU GET AFTER READING CHAPTERS 20 AND 21 BY ASKING WHAT KIND OF ROLE HE PLAYED AMONG THE FIVE OF THEM CONSIDERING HE HAS "ASA" (MORNING) IN HIS NAME. HIS FIRST NAME IS ONE OF THE NAMES I THOUGHT SOUNDED LIKE WHAT A HOT GUY WOULD HAVE.

- HE WAS THE CHARACTER LEFT THE MOST UNDERDEVELOPED BECAUSE OF TIME CONSTRAINTS. (I'M SORRY.) THE TRUTH IS, THERE WERE SOME THINGS GOING ON WITH HIS FAMILY. IF YOU READ THE FLASHBACK ABOUT HIM IN CHAPTER 20 CLOSELY, I THINK YOU CAN GET A ROUGH IDEA.

- I CREATED ASAKURA WITH A DIFFERENT CONCEPT THAN THE OTHER FOUR AS "SOMEONE TO TALK TO"! HOWEVER, SINCE THAT ALONE WOULD BE BORING, I KEPT GIVING HIM MORE WORRIES. THERE WAS A REASON WHY HE WAS CREATED TO BE AN ATTRACTIVE GUY, BUT THAT GOT SHELVED.

- HE WAS LEFT WITH SOME WORRIES IN THE STORY, TOO. HE PROBABLY ISN'T SO FORGIVING AS TO BE PASSIVE TOWARDS SUBARU'S LIES ONCE HE FOUND OUT ABOUT THEM. I THINK A LOT WILL HAPPEN, BUT HE'S THE TYPE OF GUY WHO CAN DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT!! (HAHA)

What?
He might still be a delinquent
The uniform from Kotooka's cafe
Sweater camp
No glasses
I like his design [illegible] It's title page. It's so unusual to see him dress up so cool

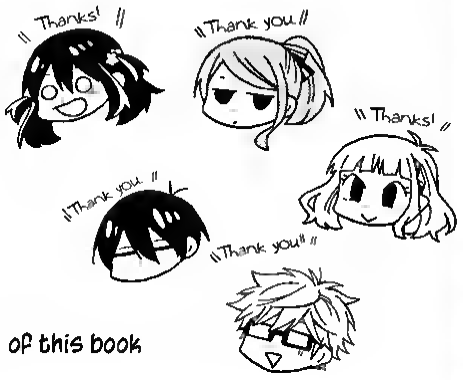
Afterword

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR PICKING UP THE FINAL VOLUME OF "NANASHI NO ASTERISM"! AND ALSO, I'M SO HAPPY THAT YOU READ THIS STORY ALL THE WAY TO THE END! IT'S REALLY THANKS TO ALL OF THE READERS THAT I WAS ALLOWED TO DRAW THE CHARACTERS SO PRECIOUSLY AND THAT I COULD DRAW THIS SERIES WITH EVERYTHING I HAD...!

Thank you very much !! I could hardly believe there would be a day when I would receive fan letters. I was so happy that I was just wandering around my house.
Whenever I received words of support, I would gain power from it and go, "Whoooa! Life is so much fun!!"

I'LL KEEP WORKING HARD SO THAT WE CAN MEET AGAIN SOMEWHERE! IF YOU SEE MY NEXT WORK, PLEASE CHECK IT OUT. AND SO, UNTIL THEN SOMEDAY...!!

★ SPECIAL THANKS ★



Editor: Takeshi Nakagawa-sama

Kurita-sama
Fumi Hirose-sama
Eri Harada-sama
Marimo Tooda-sama
Everyone involved in the production of this book

And all of the readers